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1. DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMEN OF SOUTH-NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC) MET FOR THREE AND ONE-HALF HOURS DECEMBER 19 AT PANMUNJOM. FOLLOWING MEETING, YI DONG-POK, SPOKESMAN FOR ROK SIDE, ANNOUNCED THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD AGREED TO HOLD A THIRD MEETING OF DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMEN SOMETIME IN JANUARY 1974.

2. ACCORDING TO YI'S ANNOUNCEMENT,THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED IN A FRANK AND SINCERE ATMOSPHERE AND PROGRESS WAS MADE IN NARROWING THE GAP IN THE VIEWS OF BOTH SIDES CONCERNING REORGANIZATION OF THE SNCC. YI SAID THE TWO SIDES EXCHANGED A WIDE RANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING FACTORS THAT ARE DETRIMENTAL TO NORMALIZING THE FUNCTIONS

OF THE NSCC AND AGREED TO MAKE EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THEIR DIFFERENCES OF OPINION.

3. KCIA LIAISON OFFICER UNABLE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MEETING AS OF COB DECEMBER 19.
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